



Albion College

The Department of Economics and Management Accounting Major

The accounting major equips students with the technical and analytical skills necessary for success in the dynamic world of accounting. Our curriculum meets the educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam, preparing graduates for licensure and professional excellence. Students gain hands-on experience through experiential learning opportunities such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and involvement in the Student Accounting Society. The program emphasizes a diverse skill set including communication, ethics, and financial analysis. Our graduates are employed worldwide in leading accounting firms and business organizations.

CPA EMPHASIS

9.5 or 10 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 101 Principles of Microeconomics
E&M 102 Economy and Financial Markets
E&M 211 Financial Accounting
E&M 212 Managerial Accounting
E&M 310 Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting (.5)
E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting I
E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II
E&M 313 Federal Income Taxation
E&M E&M 314 Advanced Taxation and Corporate Transactions or 315 Advanced Taxation (.5)
E&M 316 Auditing
E&M 317 Accounting Information Systems (.5)
Cognates: Math 120 College Algebra (or proficiency) or Math 141 or 125
E&M 200 Economic Statistics or Math 209 or 309

CORPORATE EMPHASIS

9.5 or 10 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 101 Principles of Microeconomics
E&M 102 Economy and Financial Markets
E&M 201 Intermediate Microeconomics
E&M 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics
E&M 211 Financial Accounting
E&M 212 Managerial Accounting
E&M 248 Financial Modeling with Excel
E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting I
E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II
E&M 315 Advanced Taxation (.5) or E&M 314 Advanced Taxation and Corporate Transactions
Elective: one unit (1) 200 level or higher
Cognates: Math 120 College Algebra (or proficiency) or Math 141 or 125
E&M 200 Economic Statistics or Math 209 or 309

Recommended Courses: E&M 248 Financial Modeling with Excel, DA 101- Data Analysis, and E&M 350 Business Law

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Brandon Lipson '26 is an accounting major with a CPA emphasis and data analytics minor. He's also the president of the accounting society, vice president of the investment club, and a pitcher on the Albion College baseball team.

In the summer of 2025, Brandon had an internship with BDO Kalamazoo | Accountants and Advisors in Michigan, where he was a Core Tax Intern. He will learn about tax specializations, such as state and local government, international, and business corporations.

"Albion means opportunity. I can branch out and learn about anything I am interested in, and there is always someone there to support me, whether it be academically, athletically, or even in the clubs I am a part of. The opportunities at Albion are endless, and there is always more to do."

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



Alexis Glaser '25 double majored in accounting with a CPA emphasis and communications. She's currently working as an assurance and financial reporting staff at accounting firm Rehmann. "My role involves performing audits of financial statements, ensuring compliance with accounting standards, and assisting in the

preparation and review of financial reports. I communicate with clients to gather financial data, identify trends, and recommend improvements."

"Albion was the foundation that shaped my technical expertise and communication skills, preparing me for a career in accounting and financial reporting. The rigorous coursework in accounting challenged me to think critically, analyze financial data, and communicate effectively."



ACCOUNTING MINOR—CORPORATE TRACK

5 E&M classes plus 2 cognates

E&M 211 Financial Accounting

E&M 212 Managerial Accounting

E&M 311 Intermediate Accounting or

E&M 312 Intermediate Accounting II

(Note that 312 can be taken without 311, with permission.)

Plus two of the following:

E&M 248, 311 or 312 (if not taken above), 310, 313, 316, 317, 348, 389 (with E&M department chair's approval)

Cognates: (Two of the following)

Math 120 College Algebra or Math 125 or 141

E&M 200 or Math 209 or 309

STUDENT VENTURES

Accounting Society

This group sponsors professional workshops and speakers. It facilitates information-sharing among students about academic and career planning, and provides professional networking opportunities.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Albion students are trained by E&M accounting faculty to prepare income tax returns for low-income residents of the city of Albion and nearby communities. These volunteers prepare on average 100 tax returns each year—helping the community and gaining valuable experience working on actual tax returns.

INTERNSHIPS

Students at Albion regularly intern at:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Ernst & Young
- Rehmann
- Plante Moran
- Kellogg Community Foundation
- Thomson Reuters
- Level One Bank
- Dow Corning
- Clayton McKervey, P.C.
- Baker Tilly
- Andrew Hooper Pavlik, P.L.C.
- Deloitte Services
- Stryker
- WSR Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert B. Hetler / PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting Scholarships

Tim Cash/Ernst & Young Public Accounting Scholarships

Gaylord Smith Award for Scholarship in Accounting

E. Scott Cracraft Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



Jacob Lee '10 majored in Economics and Management (accounting emphasis) and Spanish literature. While at Albion he was a captain on the football team and was named the National Football Foundation Morley Fraser Scholar Athlete and the CoSIDA ESPN DI-DII All District 1st Team

Scholar Athlete in 2009, a member of EX Fraternity, and studied in Mexico and Chile.

Jacob spent the first 10 years of his career in multiple progressive roles at PWC, including six years in the M&A practice focusing on buy side and sell side diligence on deals from \$5M to \$5B. From 2020 to 2022 he was the VP of finance for Avasure, a Michigan based Healthcare IT company which was sold to a private equity group in 2021.

He currently is a client results executive for Sentric, a multi solution technology provider who serves the senior living industry. He is also a real estate investor, a CPA, and owner of a 100 site campground in Benzonia, Michigan, called Vacation Trailer Park.

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